

MINUTES OF METRO COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Council Chamber

July 13, 1995

Councilors Present: Ruth McFarland (Presiding Officer), Rod Monroe (Deputy Presiding Officer), Jon Kvistad, Patricia McCaig, Susan McLain, Don Morissette, Ed Washington

Presiding Officer McFarland called the July 13, 1995 Metro Council Regular Meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. Consideration of Minutes for July 6, 1995 Metro Council Meeting.

4.2. Resolution No. 95-2178. For the Purpose of Authorizing an Exemption to the Requirement of Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Issuance of a Request for Proposals to Procure Office Supplies

Motion: Councilor Monroe moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Councilor Washington seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilors Kvistad, McCaig, McLain, Monroe, Morissette, Washington and McFarland voted aye.

The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1. Presentation and Slide Show Regarding Anticipated Oregon Convention Center Expansion

Councilor Washington introduced Jeffrey Blosser, Director of the Oregon Convention Center, and Pam Erickson, Project Manager.

Mr. Blosser gave a slide show presentation regarding the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) expansion project.

A hard copy of this show has been placed in the permanent meeting record.

In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Blosser indicated he would see to a correction in the diagrams to reflect the name Martin Luther King Blvd. rather than Union Ave.

Councilor Washington asked that the feasibility study include looking at putting the Convention Center hotel on top of the existing OCC.

Mitzi Scott, MERC Commissioner, addressed the Council saying the OCC was part of a package of facilities and that its health and well being affected the health and well being of the other interconnected facilities.

In response to Councilor Kvistad, Mr. Blosser said the expansion costs were currently estimated at approximately \$60 to \$70 million. Mr. Blosser added that the addition of the Expo Center to the package of facilities was having a positive result, contributing to flexibility through the ability to move business from one facility to the other as needed.

In response to Councilor Monroe, Mr. Blosser acknowledged the Expo Center was in need of improvements for which costs were projected at approximately \$4 to \$6 million with the added burden of having to shut down the facility during the construction period. He added that under review was the possibility of increasing the bond if it was determined the public would be supportive.

Councilor McCaig said the question that arose was one of priorities, that is what projects were where on the list with the OCC being one of those priorities.

Mr. Blosser acknowledged the Metro Council's need to strategically plan for the projects in front of it, and said as the OCC manager it was his intent to place the OCC need before the Council as well.

The Council and Staff discussed the matter further.

Ms. Erickson cautioned against the possibility of loss should the expansion be postponed.

Councilor McCaig pointed out that the OCC was authorized to expend \$200,000 for the feasibility study with another \$200,000 in Contingency subject to Council approval for further expenditure.

6. COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Officer McFarland commented on the tour that several members of the Council took the previous day with new Council Analyst, Jaye Harris to the Metro Washington Park Zoo. Councilor Washington commented it was an opportunity to view the work on the new Zoo entrance.

Councilor McLain commented on the Metro Policy Advisory Committee work on RUGGO's at its meeting July 18, 1995.

Councilor Morissette read comments into the record regarding passage of House Bill 2709. This document has been made part of the permanent meeting record. He advocated that as Council directed Staff, it be done in such a way to move as quickly as possible in a pro-active fashion, keeping regional partners fully informed. Councilor Monroe suggested further information be made available regarding the matter.

Councilor McLain indicated a memorandum from Legal Counsel on HB3605 would be made available to the Council.

There being no further business, Presiding Office McFarland adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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